

The President announced his intention to nominate Heather M. Hodges to be Ambassador to Ecuador.

The President announced his intention to nominate Barbara J. Stephenson to be Ambassador to Panama.

The President announced his intention to nominate William E. Todd to be Ambassador to Brunei.

January 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Torrance, CA.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteers Marni and Berni Barta. Later, at a private residence, he attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to San Francisco, CA, where, upon arrival at San Francisco International Airport, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Richard Berwick. He then met with Amador Valley High School student Kevin Laue and his parents, Jodi and Jim Jarnagin. Later, he traveled to Hillsborough, CA, where, at a private residence, he attended a Republican National Committee dinner.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada to discuss Afghanistan.

In the evening, the President returned to San Francisco International Airport, where he met with the family of a marine killed in Iraq. He then traveled to Las Vegas, NV.

The President declared a major disaster in Indiana and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on January 7 and continuing.

The President announced that he has asked Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt to serve as his personal representative at the funeral of Gordon B. Hinckley on February 2, 2008, in Salt Lake City, UT.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marianne M. Myles to be Ambassador to Cape Verde.

The President announced that he has nominated Elisebeth C. Cook to be Assistant Attorney General (Legal Policy).

January 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, at a private residence, he attended a Nevada Victory luncheon.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Denver, CO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Cherie Yager. He then met with Jeanne Assam, a security guard who stopped the December 9, 2007, fatal shooting at New Life Church in Colorado Springs, CO. Later, he traveled to Cherry Hills Village, CO, where, at a private residence, he attended a Colorado Victory and Bob Schaffer for Senate reception.

In the evening, the President traveled to Kansas City, MO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Samuel Turner, Sr.

The White House announced that the President will host the North American Leaders' Summit on April 21–22 in New Orleans, LA.

February 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, at Eggts. restaurant, he had breakfast with local business leaders. Later, he traveled to Parkville, MO.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Missouri Victory and Sam Graves for Congress reception. Later, he traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Amadou Toumani Toure of Mali to the White House on February 8.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe winter storms from December 6–19.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 30

Robert J. Callahan,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Elisebeth C. Cook,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Rachel Brand.

Heather M. Hodges,
of Ohio, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador.

Barbara J. Stephenson,
of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Panama.

William Edward Todd,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam.

Withdrawn January 30

Dennis W. Carlton,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Katherine Baicker, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on August 2, 2007.

Andrew J. McKenna, Jr.,
of Illinois, to be a member of the National Security Education Board for a term of 4 years, vice Robert N. Shamansky, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007.

**Checklist
of White House Press Releases**

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released January 28

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Transcript of a press briefing by Counselor to the President Edward W. Gillespie on the President's State of the Union Address

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek of the Czech Republic

Fact sheet: President Bush Takes Action To Prevent Wasteful Earmarks

Excerpts: State of the Union Address

Text: Guest List for the First Lady's Box at the 2008 State of the Union

Text: Memorandum of Justification for Waiver of Section 1083 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 With Respect to Iraq

Released January 29

Fact sheet: President Bush Takes Unprecedented Steps To Advance Earmark Reform

Fact sheet: The Faith-Based and Community Initiative: A Quiet Revolution in the Way Government Addresses Human Need

Released January 30

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on the arrest of Riad Seif of Syria

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on the President's telephone conversation with Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada on Afghanistan

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Indiana